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The Liberalist

I AM STILL RICH

I am still rich.
The morning comes with old-time cheer;
The sun breaks through the blurring mist;
And all the sorrows of the night
By new-born rays of hope are kissed.
Up and rejoice! a spirit cries,
What is your loss, with morning skies!

I am still rich.
My friends are faithful, as of old;
They trust me past my poor desert.
They ask no gift of golden gain,
But only love. With their strength girt,
Can I not face the road ahead—
Though some old treasured joys are dead!

I am still rich.
I have done my work, which constant calls;
I could not loiter, if I would;
Each moment has some task to speed,
Some work to do. How kind, how good,
Is life that God now grants to me—
A segment of Eternity!

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

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MEDITATION

"In this moment, which to us is the most holy and sacred of all the week driven by the anxieties, cares and problems of life, we find that there is one place where we can leave them all outside and with purity of purpose, divineness of motive we can approach the eternal reality that is behind everything.

In our hearts and minds this morning there is sadness, sadness for those who are missing so much when they might have the real satisfaction of life. We look out upon the panorama of life and we see the confusion and listen to the noise and see the flurry and flutter of human beings immersed in all the tragedy of the temporal, trying to find pleasure in that which only corrodes and blasts, trying to find peace in that which only creates turmoil, trying to see when they use only that which means inevitably blindness, trying to be happy when every action contributes to agony, and in the quiet beauty of this morning hour when all over this great city people are in the rest and relaxation from the penalties of the week, there are those countless numbers who never feel the need of a moment like this. Their souls are starving though their bodies may be well fed; they are tired and they don't know how to rest; they are weary and broken and they can find no one to help with the load, transients in a world they are, and O, if there were only some way, infinite Heart, by which we could get the truth to every life like that, frustrated, disillusioned people, mistaken and emphasizing the very wrong thing. They have no time for the moment of contemplation in a world that bases its standards on speed and volume. They have no time to wait quietly for the blessings of the everlasting Heart, they are too busy about other things, they have no time to find the quiet and the rest that comes from the temples of divine inspiration. They are too busy about things that never matter. It is the passion of our heart today and the desire on our part that if perchance there may be listening or someone who is here, weary with it all and who are broken by it, to whom the satisfactions of yesterday and the activities of last night only bring pain and remorse with the dawn and they cannot find anywhere to go and are encased in a tomb of their own making. If there are those like that today, O, may the illumination of Love and that quiet strength which comes from being close to the eternal, work the miracle in their lives and hearts. May there be healing in this hour, soul healing, and may those who have lost hope and courage find them again. O, the depth of our pity that there are thousands upon thousands who are seeking for them every other way except the right way. And so, for strength and sustenance and courage we wait. May we be close to the source this day, the source of that truth which is divine.

May all who are broken in body, suffering pain, anywhere in the world, be helped. May those who cannot see have vision, and may the old, the aged, the infirm, find springtime again in the beauty of thy eternal Heart. Teach us, of whatever faith, creed or race, to make life beautiful."

"HOPE"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, January 20th, 1935

"And the man who wrote that (referring to Haydn's 'The Heavens Are Telling' sung by the choir) was blind. The great Haydn and the great Handel, that have added permanently to the musical literature of the world for all time went through life sightless. What an indictment for some of us! When the choir was giving, so beautifully, so spiritually and with such great interpretation, this great number. I could see the sightless musician with a vision that was not limited by earth.

It is said, of one of the most effective speakers that ever came to this world, whose genius was not so much in the art by which he delivered his message as it was in the eternal quality of the message itself, the great orator and preacher of Palestine, that the people heard him gladly because he spoke as one having authority. **The people heard him gladly because he spoke as one having authority.** The rectitude of that interpretation and of that characterization cannot be questioned or denied, that which is validated to one's message is the most necessary thing to know about the one who brings the message before the message itself becomes important,

These are days when we are demanding authority. We don't want people to talk to us until we know who they are. We are not interested in what they say until we know who says it, and the validity of the message is determined by the authority back of it. I could give you a lot of glittering platitudes and generalities today about hope and it would just be another series of phrases, phrases that most of you have heard many times in the past, and because of their much hearing the vitality of them is weakened and lost, and you have a right to know by what authority I speak about hope, for the only value that my words can be to you today who may feel the very essence of hopelessness already penetrating your despair and cynicism, and you look into my face and say: 'Look here, what right have you got to talk about hope? Why do you try to be a cure for souls in this great dissection of life, what do you know about hope? Why do you presume to talk to us and to me, have you ever been hungry? Have you ever been cold? Have you ever had your loved ones robbed from you? Have you ever had your friends slash and cut you to the quick? Have you ever lost your money? Has the certainty that you thought was there and the security that you felt was everlasting turned into mist in the presence of your eyes? Have you ever suffered? How many sleepless nights have come to you wondering where tomorrow's breakfast would come from, or what your enemies, arrayed against you, would be able to do before another sunset? Have you ever been betrayed with your love? Have you ever known what it was to have your heart's loyalty, given unreservedly and completely to someone, and then to have it treated like an old cast-off garment? Why, Mr. Preacherman, why do you talk about hope? You have a position, you are clothed and fed, you don't know what it means to be hopeless, you are like all of the other preachers who moralize in platitudinous utterances and who try to lead and inspire people where every bit of their effort to inspire evidences a lack of authority and experience. We do not have to hear you, you have nothing to say. Come with

me, 'I can hear some of you say,' and I will show you what hopelessness is and I will portray the extent of its agony, and I will circumscribe its boundaries for you, and I will show you men and women eaten by the cancer of it, with its gnawing, gnawing hunger of life. Hopeless men and women who cannot envisage a tomorrow without defeat and disaster, what do you know about hope?'

Ladies and gentlemen, all that I know about hope is that I have had the experience of everything I have just mentioned . All I know about hope is that I have been battered and beaten and pommelled by life to the extent that I have just outlined. There is not a one of you, not one, that I can see or cannot see listening to me now that I would even for a second feel had outdistanced me in the terrible pressure of life. I have lived it all, and the only authority which I have today in my effort to help you who may be living through some of these things is to give you, out of the depth of my own experience, a technique for hope, something that will help you to still hang on, and to still envisage.

One of the most priceless possessions in my study, which is an accumulation of letters and photographs and little expressions of help that have come to me from the rich and poor all over our land which I carefully file away or frame for my study walls as constant reminders that someone was helped in this life. One of my most priceless possessions is just a scrap of penciled paper written with a lead pencil, before we built our home here when we were meeting in the theater, one Monday morning a gentleman came to my house, rang the bell and handed to the person who answered the bell, the piece of paper. He did not wait, I never saw him, I never talked to him, I don't know who he was, but that piece of paper said: 'Doctor Bradley, I want you to know that yesterday morning I was on my way to the lake, life was over for me, I had lost hope. I drifted by the theater where you preached and I saw a bulletin board on the outside that said: 'Doctor Bradley is preaching this morning on the subject 'Is Life Worth Living?' and I said: 'Of course, it is not worth living, but I went in, and I want you to know that you have saved my life,'—and just signed it a friend.

I can hear some cynical, satirical, sophisticated mind in this congregation this morning saying: 'I don't believe a word of it, it is just a hoax.' I can hear someone say: 'O, that doesn't mean a thing, just another grafter or another bum, it does not mean a thing.' I don't know, I have told you only what happened. Perhaps it was all a lie, but I do know this, that it constituted the foundation for what happens now and there may be some life listening, or some one here, that is just like that man, and you have lost hope, and you feel that there isn't any way to turn and no place to go and you wonder if there can be a word that can help.

Now that's the only ambition which is behind what I have to say this morning, and if you can only realize, as I am sure some of you do, if you could only realize how men in my position and in the work in which I am engaged, have an opportunity that most persons never have to come in contact with life at its worst. I am constantly seeing life at its worst and it does something to me. I am constantly meeting people who are in trouble. Why, there is hardly an hour out of the twenty-four that someone doesn't call up and want to see what I can do about it. Before I left my home this morning to come to the church to deliver this sermon a lady from a remote part of the city called me in great trouble, and she said: 'I must talk to you, I am in great trouble!' I cannot tell you what the trouble was for my confessional to me is

just as sacred and just as inviolate as the confessional of the Roman Catholic priest, I cannot tell you what the trouble is, but it is great trouble, and she was—I could see her in the eye of my mind—hanging on to that telephone. I said: 'Please, I must be on the air in a few minutes, I must be in my pulpit.' 'O, but I cannot live the day through!' Great trouble! They come repeatedly hour after hour and day after day—these things that just create within me a desire to help, so that I feel there isn't anything in this world more important than helping human souls in trouble. I don't know anything more important. I cannot understand the the attitude of the person who looks at the problems of life in a detached manner, without having any sympathy or any sympathetic understanding of the problems of people. I have never known one hour of my life when it was not crowded with a problem. I have had problems from the first time that I can remember anything until this hour that I stand in this pulpit, I have never known a moment of life when I was not anxious, when I was not uncertain as to just what might happen, and the entire background of my life was overshadowed by responsibility and difficulty. I know the disciplining that comes from that sort of life and I cannot understand people who are detached from people who are having problems of that character.

Last Monday I was called to a friend of mine that I have known for many, many years. On Saturday afternoon, his little daughter five years of age was convalescing from scarlet fever and he was going out to Belvidere to spend the week-end with his wife's people, because he had been quarantined from his home, and he kissed his little daughter goodbye through the window pane, and she said to him: 'I am getting well and you can soon come home,' then to arrive at Belvidere only to be told that a message had come that his daughter was dead. On the way back, that cold Saturday night, until he got in touch with me on the telephone, and on Monday afternoon when I walked by his side and the side of his good wife into a cold place in Oakwoods cemetery, not even seeing the casket, let alone the face of that little child, and while I was conducting the service without the presence of the child before a group of five or six friends in the most necessary privacy of that hour, already a few feet away the burning of the flames was heard that was taking out of all earth forever what to them was sacred, and that man looked into my face and said: 'Why? Why? I have been worried for weeks, my salary decreased and decreased, my employment relationships changed and changed, my own health somewhat shattered, my little child dead, why? Why have these things come to me?'

Every hour and every day and almost every moment some one is asking 'Why should these things come to me?' You who are here who are successful, well clothed, well fed, rather certain and secure with your lives, this sermon is not for you. O, you, you don't know what I am talking about now, you are not a part of it, life is merry and rosy for you, but there is someone here, and there is someone out there beyond that microphone, that knows what I am talking about. They know, and they know that I know that I know what I am talking about, for we are kinsmen, kinsmen with life. The thing that I would like to make you see first of all is just this, **that I never had a trouble in my life, and never had a sorrow in my life, and never had a problem in my life that did not reveal to me hidden recesses of strength that I did not know I had, that I never found myself for what I was until trouble had pommelled me, that I never had revealed to me the inner source and the depth of potentiality until I knew what trouble was!** Where

did we ever get the idea that ease and comfort produces strength? Who ever told you that life was easy? Where did you ever get the idea that it was a glad sweet song? Why, life was never meant to be easy, and whether life is worth living or not does not depend upon a philosophy about life, it depends whether **we make it worth living or not!** I am not arguing with Mr. Clarence Darrow about whether life is worth living or not. You cannot argue about that fact on the basis of the mere philosophical problems. I don't care a snap of my finger about your philosophy about life, or standing with your abstractions and talking about life in terms of the abstract! I know that life is worth living, Mr. Darrow or a thousand like him notwithstanding! I have read almost every page of Schopenhauer and he lied! It does not make any difference to me that his name is Schopenhauer. There are those anchored to the great philosophy of life and they read the writings of the cynics, the satirists and men of despair and disillusionment and sophistication and that's where our young people get their false notions of life, that's where people build false standards and false values. Why, I know that life is worth living, and some say to me: 'Is not that a little bravado, a little bit of braggadocio? Dare you say that and quite mean it?' Of course I dare, and I am going to say it again—I KNOW THAT LIFE IS WORTH LIVING, and I hope Mr. Darrow hears it, and I hope everybody else, no matter what their philosophy might be, who say that life is not worth living, and you say to me: 'Is life worth living?' And I say: 'Yes!' Then you have a right to say to me: 'How do you know it?' Any discriminating mind has a right to look at me and say: 'How do you know that it is?' I will tell you that life is worth living **BECAUSE I HAVE MADE IT SO,** not because it was in the nature of the universe, I am not concerned at this moment about the scientific speculations of the universe or the mechanistic theories or evolutionary naturalism, I am not interested at the moment in our Professor Sellars, Rudolph Otto, Bertrand Russell or Nietzsche, what I'm interested in is life. What do I know about it? It's a great battle. Do I like it? Yes! Is it worth living? I **know** it **is!** How do I know? Because I am making it worth living. That's what I want to say to you who have lost hope! There isn't anything in the world that brings out what's really in us like trouble, despair, disillusionment, defeat, hunger and cold! That is what they are for, to show the stuff we are made of. Who is the failure? The petted, pampered individual who has always had the protective coloration of social position and of money and always had fine garments and every whim has been met and every request honored and who is patronizing to all who come in contact with him and when you come through with an individual like that, what have you left? A piece of jelly. Just a quivering, vacillating, shimmering piece of jelly. But, ah, I will show you men and women, many men and women defeated or hopeless and with the feeling that there is nowhere to go, no place to turn to, I will show you some men and women that are made of firmer and finer stuff! Do you realize that if we were to draw a line on a piece of paper and put opposite that line on that piece of paper the names of all who have made life significant who have had to overcome great barriers and surmount great obstacles, that they would outnumber the others 100 to 1? A hundred to one! Many of whom have done something with life and who have had to do it in spite of everything! Look at that young Irishman who went to the British Parliament and was carried there in a basket because he had no arms, no legs and no eyes! He was carried into the British Par-

liament in a basket, and fought life from a basket! Place him beside of the son, the idle son of some of the rich, one of whom I saw on a great steamship on the Atlantic light a cigaret with a $20 bill. Place men like that side by side, and then talk about losing hope.

What about Helen Keller? What about a thousand I could name? They have had to face life with a handicap and won the race! Let's stop our self-creating defeat by the disillusionment that we have lost hope. No sir, I am not going to surrender, I never have and never will, it is not a part of my makeup. I have been blocked, thwarted, defied, lied about, condemned and criticized, I have had to face every solitary barrier that possibly could be placed against one! Every barrier was one more hurdle to cross, and every time it was crossed I added strength for the next one until now the barriers hardly exist at all. I have refused to make them real and that is what it does. It is exercising moral power! How do you get fine muscles? By exercising. How do you get fine bodies? By exercising. You develop a strong character by exercise. Why, to be thrown in the presence of temptation is fine! Who would want anything else? To meet life is fine. Who would want anything else? When I look out and see how every single one of these barriers to those of you who have lost hope and are able to surmount and create for yourselves, that you will create for yourselves a potential strength which, when under the pressure of great emergency will leap to you and be your power. That's what it means to get hope!

So, when it is all dark, misty and foggy, that's the time, that's the hour! Here it is, and the character of it has been so beautifully portrayed to me during these days of the depression. Ladies and gentlemen, I know a family, a father, a mother, that during these past four years have revealed a strength and an integrity of human character that makes me just glad that I know them. I have seen them sacrifice, their children taken out of schools, old clothes being remade over until they were so threadbare and shiny you could almost use them for a mirror, I have seen family sacrifice, I have seen youngsters, some of them in High school, three I think of at the moment in Universities, and when misfortune overtook the family they came back home and I was in their presence when a fine boy went to his Dad and took him by the hand and said: 'Dad, what of it? I cannot go back to school, perhaps some day, but now what of it? Now, we will work this thing out some way.' That father turned to me and said: 'That's the kind of stuff, isn't it, Doctor?' THAT'S THE KIND OF STUFF! Why, this depression has taught us all some valuable lessons that we ought to have learned long ago, it has taught us hope!

Who's jumping out of windows? Who's been shooting themselves? Who's been killing themselves? Who has? Some of them may have seen a bank account go from 5 million to 900 thousand and could not stand it. Some who have had to let one of the Rolls Royces go and go back to the Buick. Some who have had to let three of the five maids and house servants go and are broken with poverty, So poor! And one of the men that I have heard raise his voice in much vociferous condemnation against President Roosevelt because of what he is trying to do to solve the problems of this country and who talked about the reckless, spendthrift President, while his own wife, went into a store and bought a $4,000 fur coat for herself while he was out fighting the President's extravagance!

Why, ladies and gentlemen, the only thing I try to say to you, and it has come out from the depth of my soul because I want to help. Every Sunday morning during

this month I try to deal only with these personal problems of help, and I will be perfectly satisfied and deeply happy today if, way out beyond this microphone in some little home somewhere, or perchance some little quite barren room with just a little bit of a radio that cost, O, so little, someone that is lonely, someone that is unhappy, some one that has lost hope, has just heard these words of mine and has said: 'Ah, it is not going to defeat me, I have found something, something so powerful, something so valuable, that hope has come back and is blazoned upon the door of my life.' O, such a one, please hear me today, if you are here, please hear me—Don't, don't let anything prevent that hearing! Life, beautiful life, and the thing I want you to know is that when we are all through with it and it has all been lived and over, and there is no tomorrow, only yesterday, and there is no more chance, and death has come and the end, then remember this: That the eternal God who made everyone of us in his image and who made every one of us for victory, who made every one of us to be fine, who made every one of us to be clean, who made every one of us for happiness and peace, but he turned us loose and said: 'It is your job,' and some of us failed him, but remember this when the end comes and it is all over, and then God looks at us and sees what we have done with life, do you know the thing that will determine most of all? I think I know. Will it be wealth? Hardly. Will it be fame? That's nothing at all, the worst of the lot. Will it be position? That's too insecure. Will it be family? That's too uncertain. When he looks at us for the final judgment, do you know what I think it will be? Scars, scars, the scars he sees, every one of them healed, but scars, scarred with life, but every scar a jewel of victory, for he will know a great deal about scars. He knew one that had hands that were scarred, and a side that was scarred, and a brow that was scarred. God knows all about scars, so don't you be afraid if you get a few."

THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized in 1929, the Junior Woman's Club of the Peoples Church has tried to interest young women in club work and to give them an opportunity of expressing themselves in a mutually profitable way. It forms a connecting link between the Senior Woman's Club and the girls today who are the future members of women's organizations. The activities are divided between philanthropy and education, with the social element also emphasized.

The educational division of work consists of programs on art, literature ad music, with the members frequently taking part in their presentation. Among the social activities in the past year have been card parties, reciprocity meetings, a theatre party, a church dinner and a dance.

Since joining the Ninth District of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Federation, the scope of activity has been widened to the extent that members have been taking vital part in the Conferences, Club Institutes and programs sponsored by these organizations.

On February 28th, Mrs. L. H. Sherman, Ninth District Art Chairman, will present a program on "Modern Art." Watch for future announcements.

M. S.

WEDNESDAY BOOK LECTURES

In spite of the most inclement weather during the past month the attendance at the Wednesday evening Book Lectures has been nothing less than phenomenal. The interest in these lectures evidences the attitude of the people in regard to good books. The

largest attendance during the month came on the evening of the 30th, of January when the book discussed was "The Folks" by Ruth Suckow. On that evening 1264 people were present. Every Wednesday evening during the month the streets were covered with ice and snow and the weather was below normal. People attend from all parts of the city. Many college and university students are attending as well as librarians. Radio friends are invited to attend whenever possible. The lecture begins at 8:00 o'clock sharp and closes promptly at 9:00 o'clock. They are the most largely attended book lectures in this country.

THE USHER'S CLUB

No church could possibly have a more loyal and active group of ushers than does our own. Three times every week all the winter through they are present at the services. Where congregations are as large as ours it is a difficult task to take care of the people. We have three public services and this requires much sacrifice and effort on the part of our ushers. The club has a membership of 50 men which meet regularly on an evening apart from the services. They recently gave a dinner to which over 250 people attended. In some respects the work of ushering is the most difficult connected with the work of the church. Our ushers are doing their best and are deeply appreciated by the people who attend. Mr. Emil Roubinek is the Chairman of the Ushers and has missed but one service during the church year. Many other ushers have the same enviable record.

PASTOR'S CALENDAR

Preston Bradley kept the following engagements during the month of January:

1—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
2—Address, Bartlets
2—Book Lecture. Peoples Church
3—Address, Columbia Chain
6—Two Sermons, The Peoples Church
8—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
9—Address, Bartlets
9—Book Lecture. The Peoples Church
10—Address, Milwaukee, Wis.
10—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
11—Executive Meeting, I. W. L. A.
11—Address, Hamilton Club
11—Address, Park Manor Woman's Club
12—Address, Hamilton Club
13—Two Sermons, The Peoples Church
14—Address, Woman's Club, Peoples Church
14—Address, Republican City Committee
14—Annual Dinner, Union League Club, I. W. L. A.
15—Address, Luncheon, Globe Theater Players
15—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
16—Book Lecture, The Peoples Church
17—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
18—Address, High School, Barrington, Ill.
20—Two Sermons, The Peoples Church
20—Address, Auditorium Theater
21—Address, Forum, Temple Sholom
22—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
24—Address, Uptown Lions Club
24—Address, Medinah Club
24—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
25—Address, Chicago Bar Association
25—Address, Steinmetz High School Dedication
25—Meeting, Chicago Parental School
27—Two Sermons, The Peoples Church
28—Radio Address, Columbia Chain
28—Address, Medinah Club
29—Address, City Club

29—Radio Address Columbia Chain
30—Book Lecture, The Peoples Church
31—Radio Address, Columbia Chain

FUNERALS

2—Mrs. Hary Friedlander, Interment, Rosehill
2—Mr. Frank P. Crocker, Interment, Acacia Park
5—Mr. James McCoy, Interment, Graceland
7—Mr. George Ramskill, Interment, Acacia Park
12—Mr. Banks Cregier, Interment, Rosehill
14—Betty Leubert, Interment, Oakwoods Cemetery
23—Mrs. Hazel Ranous Cox, Interment, Montrose Boulevard
25—Neil MacIntosh, Interment, Graceland
29—Mrs. Grau, Interment, Memorial Park

WEDDINGS

5—Benjamin Weir and Cecil Dawn Owen
9—Joseph W. Wolfson and Helen Marie Roash
12—Richard O. Lindholm and Edith H. Dowsley
12—Lester Winnick and Elizabeth Hutchins
26—Harold J. Schoenen and Emily L. Pahner

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed in to the Peoples Church of Chicago, Sunday morning February 3rd.

Miss Frances Foster, 4824 Kenmore Avenue

Mr. J. A. Hencik, 5601 N. Crawford Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Hinton, 5031 North Spaulding Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Petesch, 4329 North Winchester Avenue

Mrs. Carrie Smith, 2200 Carmen Avenue

Dr. C. A. Lathan, 824 Lawrence Avenue

The church does not hold public reception for new members once or twice during the year but those who desire membership in the church may apply at any time. We are having a fine response to the invitation for membership. Application for membership may be made to the church office or to the pastor after the services. Dr. Bradley is always glad to greet radio friends, visitors and members at the foot of the steps leading in to the vestry after the services of church.

THE YOUNG PEOPLES CLUB

The Young Peoples Club under the capable leadership of Kenneth Ball and his fine group of officers has been having a very active and successful winter. Regular meetings, social affairs and entertainments have been held during the month. All young people interested in the work of the church are invited to become members. The club is having its most successful season. Announcement of meetings and events are made from the pulpit and by mail to the members. If you are interested in the work kindly get in touch with the President, Mr. Ball. His address and telephone number will be found in the Church Directory published elsewhere in this number.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club marked February 4th, on the calendar for Reciprocity Day; and invited officers of the clubs in the Ninth District to be their guests.

A group of blind artists furnished the program, entertaining with music and dramatic selections in a clever and remarkable way. Tea and cake were served from a daintily laid table. The flowers which graced the table were taken to Mrs. Bradley, knowing there is nothing brings her more cheer and pleasure. Mrs. Bradley has not been able to at-

tend a club meeting since early in December. A severe bronchitis has kept her housed all winter.

February 11th, the Club held a bridge party and bake sale at the Edgewater Beach Hotel sponsored by the "Ways and Means" committee, of which Mrs. G. A. Schweitzer is chairman. The affair was a very delightful and successful one. February 18th, the department of citizenship continued the study of the American Constitution with Mrs. F. L. Matthews, chairman and in the afternoon Mrs. Chas R. Holton, chairman of Chicago Better Films Council, spoke on the subject "Montion Pictures in History." Mrs. Herbert Armstrong was chairman of the afternoon February 25th. A program was given under our Department of Public Health and Child Hygiene of which Mrs. R. A. Pellage is chairman. Mrs. Pellage has been in Lake Mills, Wis., since early in Jan. with her mother who is very ill. In a letter Mrs. Pellage says she has missed her club very much indeed. However her program was nicely taken care of.

OPENING DOORS

Some time ago I was a witness to another of man's triumphs over age-old barriers. A man spoke, an instantly a door was flung open through which many walked into a beautiful garden. Was it a miracle? Hardly! A scientist had invented a radio tube that was tuned to this man's voice. As he spoke, the tube sensitive to his voice opened the door.

Ever since then I have pondered upon how your voice and mine has the power to open doors for others. Think of the men and women who sit in darkened rooms, some shut in by the hour of sickness, others by the drab walls of physical infirmities and still others by the walls of despair! To them we can be a miracle worker! Our words of hope, of cheer, of courage and of comfort can open the doors that shut them out from the garden of life. O, so often we imagine that talk is cheap, and therefore amounts to nothing; and yet who knows what doors our simple words can open!

O my soul, remember the doors that some one's words have opened for you! Dare I do less for others?

—Argow.

ALONG THE WAY

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man who lives in it so that his place will be proud of him. Be honest, and hate no one; overturn a man's wrongdoing, but do not overturn him unless it must be done in overturning the wrong. Stand with a man that stands right. Stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

Abraham Lincoln.

Lord, set Thy churches free
From foolish rivalry!
Lord, make all free!
Let all past bitterness
Now and forever cease
And all our souls possess
True charity.

—John Oxenham.

DR. BRADLEY'S NEW BOOK "COURAGE FOR TODAY"

Our readers, members and radio friends will be glad to know that our pastor's new book "Courage For Today" has been in the Best Seller lists since the week of its publication last September. Evidently the time was ripe for a book on Courage. It has broken all records in Chicago for a Chicago author. It has been on the Best Seller list a longer time in Chicago than any other book by a Chicagoan and with one exception has seen every book which was on the list when it was published leave the best seller class. The Wednesday evening that Dr. Bradley lectured on the book over

2100 pople heard him in his own church. The book may be purchased in any book shop in the United States, or direct from the publisher (Bobbs Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Indiana.) It sells for $1.50. Autographed copies are available in the book and department stores in Chicago, who will be glad to take your mail order. Every discouraged, disheartened person will be helped by this book. Ask your bookseller. The book can be found in the Chicago Public Library and in all Rental libraries.

DR. BRADLEY'S ROUND TABLE TALKS

There are only a few copies left of Dr. Bradley's Radio Round Table Talks. They are nicely bound and wrapped in celophane and may be purchased from the church office of the church, 941 Lawrence Ave. at Sheridan Road, Chicago, for twenty-five cents. Send your money to Mrs. Harrison at the church office who will promptly mail you as many copies as you desire while they last.

THE DREAM

Ever since history began to weave its story on the loom of years, every great teacher has dreamed of a better day. Three thousand years ago Zoroaster left a symbolism of his faith in the Sacred Fire, expressive of the power that should destroy the dross and refine the pure metal in men's lives. Five centuries later Buddha sat in rapt contemplation under the sacred bo tree, and found his hope for the future in renunciation and withdrawal from the affairs of the world. Three centuries later Confucius wrote his remedy in maxims of obedience, conformity to law, and fatalistic bending to the powers that dominate the universe. Then Plato and Socrates dreamed of the ideal state, and found in philosophy and pure reason the basis for the constructive and preservative philosophy that should save the world. Then came Jesus who counseled men always to so act toward others as tho they were the other person, and that person were in turn acting toward them.

Thirty centuries have swept by since Zoroaster first dreamed; and strangely enough the dream is unfilled in its fullest realization. It is to be nothing more than a haunting hope. Not so; for we learning that not indedependence, but interdependence is the key word—the bearing of one another's burdens—that shall free man from the curse of ignorance. want and woe.

—Argow.

A NATION'S STRENGTH

Not gold, but only man, can make
A people great and strong;
Men, who for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast, and suffer long.

Brave men work while others sleep.
Who dare with others fly,
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

—Emerson.

When thou journeyest westward thou canst not leave the east behind,
Nor canst thou part from the north when thy feet are turned to the south.
The ray of the sun toucheth all quarters
And bestoweth on all its living, warming balm.
The light of the soul knoweth no boundry lines;
It hath no east nor west, nor north nor south.
Yea, the light of the soul shineth everywhere.
Save when we keep our doors shut—
Alas, when we keep our doors shut!

—Mahatma Gandhi.

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